

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on May 17, 2007

HB0051 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2007, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, AND 2006

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$826,799,000, the proceeds to be used, subject to specified restrictions and reporting requirements, for the acquisition, building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipping of specified State projects, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified purposes, subject to the requirement that specified grantees provide specified matching funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1116 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; altering the purpose of a previously authorized academic facility project for the College of Liberal Arts at Towson University; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0269 Delegates Rosenberg and N. King

WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Establishing the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program at the Shriver Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; requiring the Shriver Center to administer the Program; establishing a process for eligible students to participate in the Program; requiring the Shriver Center to award specified scholarships subject to the availability of specified funds; limiting the number of scholarships that may be awarded in 2008 and 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0834 Senator Rosapepe**DELEGATE HOWARD P. RAWLINGS PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANTS – ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**

Designating a specified financial assistance program as the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards; prohibiting the Office of Student Financial Assistance from taking into consideration an applicant's receipt of earned income tax credits for purposes of determining eligibility for a Guaranteed Access Grant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0130 Senator Peters, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND – MUNICIPAL SWORN OFFICER ALLOCATION**

Increasing State payments to qualifying municipalities to \$1,950 for each specified sworn police officer employed by a qualifying municipality; providing that specified payments begin in fiscal year 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0611 Delegate Ross, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND – MUNICIPAL SWORN OFFICER ALLOCATION**

Increasing State payments to qualifying municipalities to \$1,950 for each specified sworn police officer employed by a qualifying municipality; providing that specified payments begin in fiscal year 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0413 Senator Jacobs, et al**JESSICA'S LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

Providing that mandatory minimum sentences for specified sexual crimes are nonparolable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0930 Delegate Shank, et al**JESSICA'S LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

Providing that mandatory minimum sentences for specified sexual crimes are nonparolable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0713 The Speaker (By Request – Administration and Attorney General), et al**MARYLAND GANG PROSECUTION ACT OF 2007**

Prohibiting a person from participating in a specified criminal gang knowing that the members of the gang engage in a specified pattern of criminal gang activity; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully directing or participating in a specified criminal offense committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal gang; prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the Act involving the commission of an offense that results in the death of the victim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0785 Delegate Malone, et al**CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY PERFORMANCE STANDARD AND FIREFIGHTER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or offer for sale of cigarettes in the State unless the cigarettes have been tested in a specified manner and meet a performance standard and the manufacturer has filed a specified certification with the Comptroller; establishing a performance standard for cigarettes; requiring that testing of cigarettes be conducted in a specified manner; requiring laboratories that conduct testing to implement a specified quality control and quality assurance program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0359 Senator Zirkin**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – REORGANIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with specified programming that delivers services on a regional basis; requiring each region to include at least a specified number of secure facilities used solely for specified purposes; requiring each region to include a specified number of committed facilities to provide services to specified children under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0360 Senator Zirkin**JUVENILE JUSTICE MONITORING UNIT – EXPANSION OF JURISDICTION**

Expanding the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to include the monitoring of any residential facility licensed by the Department of Juvenile Services; expanding the duties of the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit; requiring the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit to make specified reports to the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0371 Senator Muse, et al**INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES**

Repealing the Interstate Compact on Juveniles; enacting the Interstate Compact for Juveniles; establishing the purpose of the Interstate Compact; establishing the Interstate Commission for Juveniles; specifying the powers and duties of the Interstate Commission; providing for the creation of a State Council; providing for the appointment of a Compact Administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0091 Senator Garagiola, et al**CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2007**

Prohibiting a person from smoking tobacco products in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment except under specified circumstances, beginning February 1, 2008; creating the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt regulations and to report to the General Assembly regarding enforcement efforts; establishing penalties and fines for the violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0359 Delegate Frush, et al**CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2007**

Prohibiting a person from smoking tobacco products in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment except under specified circumstances, beginning February 1, 2008; creating the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt regulations and to report to the General Assembly regarding enforcement efforts; establishing penalties and fines for the violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0101 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**NURSING FACILITIES – QUALITY ASSESSMENT – MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT**

Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose a quality assessment on specified nursing facilities; providing that a specified continuing care operation is not subject to a specified quality assessment; providing for the terms of the assessment; requiring the payment of a specified assessment by the nursing facility to be based on a specified amount per non–Medicare day of service; providing for the distribution of the amounts collected to a special fund, to be used only for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0105 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS –
DUTIES AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Expanding the duties of the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations; including a representative from a health insurance carrier on the Commission; extending the termination date of the Commission; requiring the Commission to make specified recommendations in a specified annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0107 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Establishing the Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to chair the Task Force and establish specified subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to make specified recommendations and to make specified reports on or before specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0700 Senator Dyson**THE BABY BOOMER INITIATIVE ACT**

Establishing a Baby Boomer Initiative Council; establishing the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Council; establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to make specified recommendations; providing for the staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before specified dates; providing for the termination of the Act; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0599 Delegate Hubbard, et al**THE BABY BOOMER INITIATIVE ACT**

Establishing a Baby Boomer Initiative Council; establishing the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Council; establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to make specified recommendations; providing for the staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before specified dates; providing for the termination of the Act; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0824 Senator Middleton**SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
MODIFICATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Prohibiting the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program from exceeding a specified amount in specified fiscal years; extending the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Program until December 31, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1370 Delegate Mizeur**SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
MODIFICATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Prohibiting the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program from exceeding a specified amount in specified fiscal years; authorizing the Program to limit payments of specified subsidies under specified circumstances; extending the termination date of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0861 Senator Pugh**TASK FORCE – URBAN SENIOR CARE COMMUNITIES IN BALTIMORE CITY**

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City; specifying the membership of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing that members of the Task Force may receive reimbursement for travel expenses; requiring the Task Force to issue a report by December 31, 2007, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0611 Senator Middleton**STATEWIDE EMPOWERMENT ZONES FOR SENIORS COMMISSION**

Establishing the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to consult with specified individuals and entities; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to perform specified duties; requiring the Commission to make specified recommendations; providing for the requirements for a qualifying comprehensive empowerment zone for seniors plan; requiring the Department of Aging to staff the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0605 Delegate Kullen, et al**STATEWIDE EMPOWERMENT ZONES FOR SENIORS COMMISSION**

Establishing the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to consult with specified individuals and entities; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to perform specified duties; requiring the Commission to make specified recommendations; providing for the requirements for a qualifying comprehensive empowerment zone for seniors plan; requiring the Department of Aging to staff the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0001 Senator Miller, et al**ELECTIVE FRANCHISE – EARLY VOTING AND POLLING PLACES**

Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment a process to allow qualified voters to vote at specified polling places, and on specified days prior to specified election dates; providing that provisions of specified Acts of the General Assembly may not take effect; repealing provisions of law; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SB0023 Senator Conway, et al**PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing until September 30, 2010, the provisions of the State Procurement Law relating to the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0039 Senator Pipkin**MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION – STRATEGIC PLAN AND MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring the Maryland Economic Development Commission to incorporate the Maryland Port Administration strategic plan when developing a strategic plan for economic development; increasing the membership of the Maryland Port Commission to include the Secretary of Business and Economic Development as a nonvoting ex officio member; clarifying language; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0050 Senator Middleton**GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS OFFICE AND APPOINTING AUTHORITIES – DUTIES**

Prohibiting the Governor's Appointments Office from directing or overruling specified decisions of specified appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, or a unit of the Department of Budget and Management; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0064 Senator Middleton**YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD – TERMINATION DATE – REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date for the provisions of law that establish a Young Farmers Advisory Board in the Department of Agriculture.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0069 Senator Jones, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY PRISON VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland; specifying the chair, membership, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make legislative recommendations; requiring the Task Force to meet at specified times and places; requiring the Task Force to provide reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; providing for staffing of the Task Force; and providing for the termination of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0083 Senator Zirkin**SEXUAL OFFENDERS – EVALUATION BEFORE SENTENCING**

Requiring a court, unless a specified waiver exists, before sentencing a defendant under specified circumstances, to order that the defendant submit to a specified presentence investigation; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0112 Senator Britt, et al**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES**

Establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of Vocational and Technical Education High School Academies in Prince George’s County; requiring the Task Force to examine the needs of specified students and explore possible changes in curriculum and instruction that might better meet the needs of those students, including vocational and technical education high school academies; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to specified officials regarding its recommendations by July 1, 2008; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0152 Senator Gladden**FAMILY LAW – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK COSTS – EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Waiving specified costs and fees for specified volunteers at specified facilities and local departments of social services who are required to obtain a criminal history records check.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0164 Senators Miller and Dyson**BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSES – CALVERT COUNTY**

Prohibiting the clerk of the circuit court for Calvert County from issuing a specified license for the first time to a business that will be located in Calvert County unless the applicant submits to the clerk a specified certification that the location of the business is zoned for the type of business for which the applicant is seeking the license; requiring that the certification be issued by a specified department or municipal corporation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0165 Senator Astle**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE BOATING INDUSTRY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary report and a final report to the Governor and General Assembly and its committees regarding its recommendations by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0170 Senator Stone, et al**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND CRIMES OF VIOLENCE**

Adding the crime of sexual abuse of a minor under a specified age by an adult under specified circumstances and the crime of a continuing course of conduct with a child to the list of crimes of violence for which specified enhanced penalties are applied to specified offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0213 Delegate Hecht, et al**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND CRIMES OF VIOLENCE**

Adding the crime of sexual abuse of a minor under a specified age by an adult under specified circumstances and the crime of a continuing course of conduct with a child to the list of crimes of violence for which specified enhanced penalties are applied to specified offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0175 Senators Zirkin and Muse**JUVENILES – MENTORING PROGRAM – “MARYLAND RISING”**

Requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to establish a statewide Program of volunteer mentors for children who have spent a specified amount of time in a committed placement; establishing that the Program shall be called “Maryland Rising”; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to develop a statewide network of State and community agencies, volunteer organizations, and other groups to recruit mentors; providing for the role of mentors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0181 Senator Middleton**ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM**

Establishing the Oral Health Safety Net Program in the Office of Oral Health in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office to solicit proposals; requiring the Office to award grants and oversee the operation of the Program, subject to limitations of the State budget; requiring the Office to conduct a specified annual evaluation of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0030 Delegate Oaks, et al**ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM**

Establishing the Oral Health Safety Net Program in the Office of Oral Health in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office to solicit proposals; requiring the Office to award grants and oversee the operation of the Program, subject to limitations of the State budget; requiring the Office to conduct a specified annual evaluation of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0192 Senator Conway, et al**PROCUREMENT – COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
– MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the staff of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations to review complaints and to make determinations relating to the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy; altering the responsibilities of the Commission and Commission staff; requiring the Commission to protect confidential information; altering the standard for specified findings made by Commission staff; altering the procedures regarding contested case hearings; and authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0878 Delegate Taylor, et al**PROCUREMENT – COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
– MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the staff of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations to review complaints and to make determinations relating to the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy; altering the responsibilities of the Commission and Commission staff; requiring the Commission to protect confidential information; altering the standard for specified findings made by Commission staff; altering the procedures regarding contested case hearings; and authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0194 Senator Kelley, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – PERSONAL INFORMATION
PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring specified businesses, when destroying a customer's records that contain personal information of the customer, to take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the personal information under specified circumstances; requiring specified businesses that own or license personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain specified security procedures and practices under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

HB0208 Delegate Howard, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring specified businesses, when destroying a customer's records that contain personal information of the customer, to take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the personal information under specified circumstances; requiring specified businesses that own or license personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain specified security procedures and practices under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

SB0198 Senator Forehand, et al**TASK FORCE TO COMBAT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Establishing the Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to request that a specified representative participate in the Task Force; designating the chair and providing for the staffing for the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive specified compensation, but is entitled to a specified reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit interim and final reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0758 Delegate Dumais, et al**TASK FORCE TO COMBAT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Establishing the Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to request that a specified representative participate in the Task Force; designating the chair and providing for the staffing for the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive specified compensation, but is entitled to a specified reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit interim and final reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0214 Senator Colburn, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND – PLACE OF CONFINEMENT**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing specified contraband in a place of confinement; prohibiting a person detained or confined in a place of confinement from knowingly possessing a weapon or contraband to effect an escape or from knowingly possessing or receiving an alcoholic beverage or controlled dangerous substance; prohibiting specified persons from delivering or receiving a specified telecommunication device under specified circumstances; establishing penalties; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1194 Delegate Sophocleus, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND – PLACE OF CONFINEMENT**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing contraband in a place of confinement; prohibiting a person detained or confined in a place of confinement from knowingly possessing a weapon or contraband to effect an escape or possessing or receiving an alcoholic beverage or controlled dangerous substance; prohibiting a person from delivering a telecommunication device to a person detained or confined in a specified place of confinement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0252 Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ROADSIDE ADVERTISING OR SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from standing in a highway in Anne Arundel County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; prohibiting a person from standing in a highway in Anne Arundel County to advertise any message; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0254 Senator Conway**ENVIRONMENT – GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION – NOTIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

Altering procedures for the notification of property owners of groundwater contamination findings by the Department of the Environment and the local health department; and altering the requirements for reimbursement by responsible persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0255 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Authorizing specified regulatory boards to investigate specified claims; continuing the State Board of Physicians in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board from July 1, 2007, until July 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0261 Senator Garagiola, et al**TASK FORCE ON RENEWABLE ALTERNATIVE FUELS**

Establishing a Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to chair the Task Force; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; providing for the duties of the Task Force; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0283 Senator Middleton, et al**CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing for eligibility for the Program; requiring the Program to provide specified services and activities; requiring the Program to be funded as provided in the State budget; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to distribute grants to local health departments to administer the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0302 Senator Kelley, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MONEY
FOLLOWS THE PERSON GRANT – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1 of each year regarding the status of the State's Money Follows the Person grant; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0325 Delegate Hubbard, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MONEY
FOLLOWS THE PERSON GRANT – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1 of each year regarding the status of the State's Money Follows the Person grant; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0378 Senator Dyson, et al**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED NURSE
PRACTITIONERS – MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Requiring that the State Board of Nursing consist of one member certified in an advanced practice nursing specialty; requiring the Governor to appoint members certified in an advanced practice nursing specialty from a list of nominees submitted by specified organizations; requiring that the number of names submitted on a nomination list be 5 times the number of vacancies; requiring that specified Board members meet specified educational and professional requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0445 Delegate Kullen, et al**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS – MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Requiring that the State Board of Nursing consist of one member certified in an advanced practice nursing specialty; requiring the Governor to appoint members certified in an advanced practice nursing specialty from a list of nominees submitted by specified organizations; requiring that the number of names submitted on a nomination list be 5 times the number of vacancies; requiring that specified Board members meet specified educational and professional requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0384 Senator Frosh**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES AND EXAMINATIONS**

Clarifying that the Legislative Policy Committee may delegate its authority to issue subpoenas and administer oaths to any committee created by the Legislative Policy Committee; providing specified venue and procedures for legislative committees that have the power to issue subpoenas whenever those committees seek to take legal action to obtain compliance with a subpoena; providing for procedures and venue with respect to the filing of a petition for an order directing compliance with a subpoena or compelling testimony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0392 Senator Kasemeyer, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORDS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from certifying a voting system unless the State Board determines that the voting system provides voter-verifiable paper records; defining “voter-verifiable paper record”; requiring that specified voting systems be accessible to specified individuals with disabilities; requiring the State Board to provide training on the voting system to election judges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0018 Delegate Hixson, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – VOTER–VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORDS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from certifying a voting system unless the State Board determines that the voting system provides voter–verifiable paper records; defining “voter–verifiable paper record”; requiring that specified voting systems be accessible to specified individuals with disabilities; requiring the State Board to provide specified training on the voting system to election judges: etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0400 Senator Pipkin, et al**ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING – PROCEEDINGS – REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to initiate new proceedings to review and evaluate requirements under a specified Act; requiring the Commission to conduct specified hearings which include the use of specified experts and consultants; repealing specified provisions relating to a specified merger and specified reporting requirements; altering considerations that the Commission is required to review in a specified study; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0408 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA – VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL LAW – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – DISCLOSURE IN REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACTS**

Requiring that a prosecution for an offense that occurs in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is a violation of a specified local law in Anne Arundel County that relates to environmental protection or natural resource conservation be instituted within 3 years after the commission of the offense; and requiring a contract for sale of real estate in Anne Arundel County where a specified violation occurred to disclose specified information about the violation, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0418 The President (Department of Legislative Services)**STATE GOVERNMENT – SUBMISSION OF PUBLICATIONS TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – PROCEDURES**

Altering procedures to be followed by an official or unit of the State government in submitting publications to the General Assembly or to a committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly; requiring an official or unit intending to distribute a publication to a standing committee of the General Assembly to obtain the approval of the chair of the committee, except under specified circumstances, and to comply with specified procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0419 Senator Madaleno, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY
RETIREMENT INCOME FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

Altering the definition of “military service” under the Maryland income tax subtraction modification for military retirement income to include retired commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey who were separated from employment before July 1, 1991; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0392 Delegates Kaiser and Taylor**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY
RETIREMENT INCOME FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

Altering the definition of “military service” under the Maryland income tax subtraction modification for military retirement income to include retired commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey who were separated from employment before July 1, 1991; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0423 Senator Madaleno, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing a local government to purchase street lighting equipment from an electric company; requiring a local government to pay fair market value for the purchase of street lighting equipment; requiring that specified disputes between an electric company and a local government be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; requiring a person who performs specified maintenance on street lighting equipment owned by a local government to comply with specified safety standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0875 Delegate Lawton, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing a local government to purchase street lighting equipment from an electric company; requiring a local government to pay fair market value for the purchase of street lighting equipment; requiring that specified disputes between an electric company and a local government be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0438 Senator Pugh (By Request), et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONTINUATION OF PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICE ON AMTRAK AND CSX LINES**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to continue to operate passenger railroad service on specified railroad lines at levels equivalent to the levels established as of specified dates; prohibiting the Administration from closing a station before a specified date, subject to an exception; requiring the Administration to hold a public hearing under specified circumstances and to give notice of the hearing; prohibiting the Administration from taking specified actions if inadequate notice is given; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0472 Senator Munson**MENTAL HYGIENE LAW – COURT RECORDS RELATING TO A PETITION FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – CONFIDENTIALITY**

Requiring that specified court records relating to a petition for emergency evaluation be confidential; prohibiting specified court records from being divulged, except by order of the court for good cause shown; providing that a specified provision of the Act does not prohibit specified persons from reviewing specified court records; requiring that a specified petition for an emergency evaluation be considered a mental health record; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0486 Senator Hogan**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – REPLACEMENT HOME PURCHASED AFTER ACQUISITION OF DWELLING FOR PUBLIC USE**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against county or municipal corporation property taxes for specified property purchased by specified owners of property that is acquired for public use; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit, subject to specified limitations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0755 Delegate Ali, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – REPLACEMENT HOME PURCHASED AFTER ACQUISITION OF DWELLING FOR PUBLIC USE**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against county or municipal corporation property taxes for a replacement dwelling purchased by a displaced owner of a dwelling acquired for public use by eminent domain by the State or a political subdivision or instrumentality of the State; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide for the amount and duration of the credit, subject to limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0491 Senator Britt**PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – RESIDENTIAL TENANTS AND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS – STUDY**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Resources, and the Office of People's Counsel to meet to discuss specified options for expanding the electrical universal service program to include assistance to specified low-income residential tenants of apartments and low-income residential condominium owners who are not actual customers of an electric company; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0507 Senator Zirkin**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE TASTING**

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting Class BWLT license in Baltimore County; increasing the fee for a Class BWT license in Baltimore County; establishing fees for Class BWLT licenses; authorizing a Class BWLT license holder to allow the consumption of specified alcoholic beverages for tasting and sampling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0519 Senator Peters, et al**TRUANCY – PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT**

Requiring specified applicants for a learner's instructional permit to present to the Motor Vehicle Administration the applicant's school attendance record; and prohibiting the Administration from issuing a learner's instructional permit to specified applicants if the applicant's school attendance record indicates more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0571 Delegate Levi, et al**TRUANCY – PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF LEARNER’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT**

Requiring specified applicants for a learner’s instructional permit to present to the Motor Vehicle Administration the applicant’s school attendance record; and prohibiting the Administration from issuing a learner’s instructional permit to specified applicants if the applicant’s school attendance record indicates more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0522 Senator Rosapepe**HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – APPLICATION**

Requiring homeowners to file applications to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to qualify for the homestead property tax credit; providing that the homestead property tax credit may not be granted unless an application is filed as required within 180 days following the transfer of property for consideration to new ownership, or on or before December 31, 2012, for property last transferred for consideration to new ownership on or before December 31, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0436 Delegate Kaiser, et al**HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – APPLICATION**

Requiring homeowners to file applications to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to qualify for the homestead property tax credit; providing that the homestead property tax credit may not be granted unless an application is filed as required within 180 days following the transfer of property for consideration to new ownership after December 31, 2007, or on or before December 31, 2012, for property last transferred for consideration to new ownership on or before December 31, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0613 Senator Jones, et al**MARYLAND HERITAGE STRUCTURE REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to adopt specified regulations to establish criteria for plans of proposed rehabilitation for purposes of the Maryland heritage structure rehabilitation tax credits; altering a limit on the award of initial credit certificates for projects in a single jurisdiction; altering a limit on the amount of initial credit certificates that may be issued within a fiscal year; repealing a requirement that a percentage of tax credits be provided for nonprofit organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0598 Delegate Hixson, et al**MARYLAND HERITAGE STRUCTURE REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Altering provisions for the award of initial credit certificates under the Heritage Tax Credit; requiring the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to adopt regulations to establish criteria for plans of proposed rehabilitation for purposes of the Maryland heritage structure rehabilitation tax credits; increasing from 50% to 75% the percentage of the total credits under initial credit certificates for any fiscal year that may be issued for projects in a single jurisdiction; extending the credit to July 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0674 Senator Pinsky, et al**MARYLAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT OF 2007**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on the purchase of equipment by specified electric companies; authorizing the Commission to consider specified costs of specified electric companies as costs to be included in a specified life-cycle cost methodology for specified purposes; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations by January 1, 2008, to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for new products sold in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0682 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM – GENERAL OBLIGATION INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Cecil County to enter into general obligation installment purchase agreements for an aggregate purchase price of not more than \$4,000,000, plus interest, to acquire development rights in tracts or parcels of agricultural land in Cecil County, as part of the County's Purchase of Development Rights Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0696 Senator Stone, et al**CRIMES – LEAVING DOGS OUTSIDE AND UNATTENDED BY USE OF RESTRAINTS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a specified restraint under specified circumstances; establishing penalties; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0699 Senator Stone**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to develop specified procedures to enhance the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers during construction or maintenance work on specified expressways and controlled access highways; requiring a county, municipal corporation, the Administration, or the Maryland Transportation Authority to incorporate the procedures into the project planning and construction phases of specified proposed highway projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0705 Senator Forehand**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR PROPERTY USED AS A PUBLICLY SPONSORED BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified property that is used as a business incubator; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and for specified provisions necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0327 Delegate Feldman, et al**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR PROPERTY USED AS A PUBLICLY SPONSORED BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified property that is used as a business incubator; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and for specified provisions necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0750 Senator Pipkin, et al**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REGULATION – LICENSING OF FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Establishing a freestanding medical facility pilot project in Queen Anne's County; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue a freestanding medical facility license to a specified freestanding medical facility pilot project under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0765 Senator Exum**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – NOTICE – PREMIUMS**

Establishing specified requirements for notice relating to premium amounts for renewal of workers' compensation insurance policies; making the Act an emergency measure; and applying the Act to insurance issued, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0790 Senator Astle**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – INSURANCE PRODUCERS –
NOTICE OF COVERAGE FOR FLOOD LOSS – STATEMENT OF
ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL COVERAGE**

Repealing a requirement for an insurance producer at a specified time and in a specified manner to provide an applicant for homeowner's insurance with a specified notice about homeowner's insurance coverage for losses from flood; repealing provisions that deem an insurance producer to be in compliance with the notice requirement under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0810 Senator Astle**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – AUTHORIZATION OF STOCK
AND DEBT TRANSACTIONS**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, prior authorization by the Public Service Commission is not required for specified public service companies to assume or guarantee specified obligations or liabilities with respect to specified stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, or to issue specified stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0827 Senator McFadden**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – AFFORDABLE
AND INCLUSIONARY HOUSING**

Providing for specified exemptions from the Baltimore City property tax under specified circumstances for specified development projects that offer affordable residential units; prohibiting the Baltimore City Board of Estimates from entering into specified agreements if the agreements would result in a specified reduction in property tax revenues for a taxable year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0842 Carroll County Senators**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CARROLL COUNTY – GATEWAY RENOVATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Carroll County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated in designated areas of the county; authorizing the governing body of Carroll County, by law, to specify the geographic areas of the county, classes of owners, and types of improvements eligible for the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0864 Senator Middleton**VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE**

Providing that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction over specified voice over Internet protocol services; requiring a specified company that moves a customer from a specified service to a voice over Internet protocol service to provide the customer with a specified notification; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Commission to make a specified report; requiring the Commission to track specified consumer complaints; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1379 Delegate Davis**VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE**

Providing that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction over specified voice over Internet protocol services; requiring a specified company that moves a customer from a specified service to a voice over Internet protocol service to provide the customer with a specified notification; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Commission to make a specified report; requiring the Commission to track specified consumer complaints; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0935 Senator Robey, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS – EXIT RAMPS**

Requiring vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal to stop at a specified location and to remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway; providing for the assessment of specified points for a violation of the Act; and establishing that a specified penalty applies to a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0945 Senator Madaleno, et al**INCOME TAX – CAPTIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS**

Requiring that the dividends paid deduction be added back to federal taxable income to determine Maryland modified income of specified real estate investment trusts (REITs), as defined; applying the Act to tax years after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1257 Delegate Hixson, et al**INCOME TAX – CAPTIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS**

Requiring that the dividends paid deduction be added back to federal taxable income to determine Maryland modified income of specified real estate investment trusts (REITs), as defined; applying the Act to tax years after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0986 Senator DeGrange, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – AGING SCHOOL PROGRAM – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$11,126,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Interagency Committee on School Construction for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the allocation of funds to eligible school systems, subject to a requirement that the grantee document the provision of a required federal matching fund; authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell specified bonds at specified sales; providing for a specified allocation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB1022 Senator Middleton, et al**GROUP LIFE INSURANCE – ADDITIONAL INSURED – DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

Authorizing insurers that issue policies of group life insurance to extend coverage to the domestic partner of the employee or member who is covered under a policy of group life insurance; providing that the term “domestic partner” has the meaning stated in the policy; prohibiting the insurance on the life of the domestic partner from exceeding the amount of insurance on the life of the insured employee or member; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0035 Delegate Hixson**INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF SECTION 179 PROPERTY**

Clarifying a specified modification to federal adjusted gross income under the Maryland income tax relating to determination of the maximum aggregate costs that a taxpayer may treat as an expense under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to specified changes to that section under federal law; and applying the Act to tax years after 2006.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0054 Delegate Elmore and Queen Anne’s County Delegation**SOMERSET AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES – AUTHORIZATION TO HARVEST SEAFOOD AND ENGAGE IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the governing bodies of Somerset County and Queen Anne’s County to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take other action to authorize a person to engage in specified activities related to the seafood industry and to harvest seafood; clarifying that a specified governing body is required to hold a public hearing and obtain the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources before adopting a specified ordinance, resolution, or regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0068 Delegate Cane, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND UNLICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting a person in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County from serving or dispensing specified items or serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed alcoholic beverages or other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks in specified places of public entertainment; prohibiting an operator of a specified business establishment from knowingly allowing customers to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into the establishment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0103 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION – WRITTEN POLICIES**

Requiring each law enforcement agency in the State to adopt written policies relating to eyewitness identification that comply with specified standards by a specified date and to file a copy of the policies with the Department of State Police by a specified date; and requiring the Department to compile the written policies by a specified date and to allow public inspection of each policy compiled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0157 Delegate Morhaim**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATION AND REBATES – INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION IN WELLNESS PROGRAMS AND OTHER EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that it is not discrimination or a rebate under specified insurance laws for an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization to provide reasonable incentives to an individual who is an insured, subscriber, or member for participation in a bona fide wellness program offered by the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0162 The Speaker, et al**STATE EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS ACT OF 2007**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to designate specified positions in State government as special appointment positions; requiring the Secretary to provide information on special appointments; providing that personnel actions regarding special appointments in State government be made under specified circumstances; providing that specified special appointment positions may be filled with regard to specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0183 Delegate McConkey, et al**REAL PROPERTY – MARYLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Providing that violation of any provision of the Maryland Homeowners Association Act is within the scope of the enforcement duties and powers of the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to adopt a law, ordinance, or regulation for the protection of a consumer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0279 Delegate Kaiser, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Requiring a recipient of a Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant to earn a specified number of credit hours in an academic year; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to distribute specified grant awards in specified amounts for a student taking courses during a summer session; authorizing a student who is enrolled in a specified program that requires a mandatory summer academic session to receive an additional award not to exceed \$1,000 per calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0281 Delegates Hubbard and Rosenberg**MENTAL HEALTH – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to reimburse specified mental health providers for specified services; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide access to a 30-day supply of medication to specified individuals under specified circumstances; establishing a specified immunity from civil liability for specified persons; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to develop a plan to divert specified individuals with mental illness to specified types of services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0285 Delegate Stifler, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PENALTY**

Altering a provision of law to make the offense of knowingly possessing a film, videotape, photograph, or other visual representation showing an individual under the age of 16 apply only to an actual child under the age of 16; providing for a specified affirmative defense to a charge under the Act; and increasing a criminal penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0286 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$53,110,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0315 Delegate Goldwater, et al**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND REINSTATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering supervision provisions concerning the authority of unlicensed individuals performing specified acts of registered nursing and licensed practical nursing; requiring the State Board of Nursing to begin a process of requiring criminal history records checks as a condition of licensure reinstatement and certificate reinstatement; altering specified grounds for revoking temporary licenses or temporary certificates if a criminal history records check reveals specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0320 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TABLES AND CHAIRS AT WINERIES**

Allowing in Frederick County a holder of a limited winery license to provide tables and chairs on the premises of the licensed facility for the sale, by the glass, of wine and pomace brandy made at the facility to a person who participates in a guided tour of the facility or attends a specified activity at the licensed premises; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0339 Delegate Costa, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL GROUP MARKET – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – RATES**

Altering a specified limit on the rate a carrier may charge based on adjustments to the community rate for specified health benefit plans offered in the small group market; authorizing a carrier to offer a discount to a small employer for participation in a wellness program; defining “wellness program”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0390 Delegate Simmons, et al**SEXUAL OFFENDERS – EVALUATION BEFORE SENTENCING**

Requiring a court, unless a specified waiver exists, before sentencing a defendant, under specified circumstances, to order that the defendant submit to a presentence investigation conducted by the Division of Parole and Probation and a mental health evaluation conducted by a specified individual; and requiring the court to consider the presentence investigation and mental health evaluation when sentencing the defendant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0416 Delegate Stein, et al**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – BIOFUEL INDUSTRY MEMBER**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission by requiring the Governor to appoint a member from a list of two nominees representing the biofuel industry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0423 Delegate McIntosh**WORKFORCE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM – FUND ESTABLISHMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE CLARIFICATIONS**

Creating the Workforce Housing Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for the operation of the Workforce Housing Grant Program; altering the factors that the Department may consider in determining whether a local government has met the match requirement under the Program; clarifying that the Department may redistribute Program funds among qualifying local governments under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0447 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting the distribution of specified tobacco products and coupons to minors in St. Mary's County; creating specified defenses to a violation of the Act; establishing specified civil penalties; granting jurisdiction to the District Court to adjudicate violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0459 Chair, Judiciary Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference)**DISTRICT COURT – CITATIONS**

Requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to authorize the use of a single document for issuance of specified multiple, separately numbered, citations; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to specify the means used to execute specified citations by a police officer and by a person to whom a citation is issued; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to authorize specified citations to include a summons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0465 Delegate James**REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF PROPERTY ENCUMBERED BY A CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

Establishing that a purchaser has the right to rescind a contract for the sale of property encumbered by a conservation easement if the seller fails to give the purchaser a copy of specified conservation easements within a specified time and the contract of sale fails to contain a specified notice under specified circumstances; requiring the purchaser of specified real property to provide notice of the sale to the owner of a conservation easement; defining “conservation easement” and “land trust”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0473 Delegate Elmore, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – SOFT CRABS – BYCATCH**

Requiring specified regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources to establish a permissible bycatch for soft crabs to be no more restrictive than the permissible bycatch for hard crabs and peeler crabs; creating an exception to the prohibition against possessing a bycatch of undersized soft crabs; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations relating to a bycatch for soft crabs; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0483 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – ADVISORY COMMISSION TO STUDY LUXURY TYPE
RESTAURANTS PG 313–07

Establishing an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants in Prince George's County; providing for the membership, chair, compensation, staff, and duties of the Advisory Commission; requiring the Advisory Commission to issue a specified report with recommendations by September 1, 2008, to specified legislative delegations and the Prince George's County Executive; and providing for the termination of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0487 Delegate Morhaim

NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
– TERM LIMITS AND COMPENSATION

Altering the number of terms and the total number of years that may be served by a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit health service plan; altering the amount and type of compensation that may be received by a board member; requiring a compensation committee to develop guidelines for compensation to be paid to board members; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0492 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE
COMMISSIONERS – ATTORNEY COMPENSATION PG 306–07

Requiring the County Council of Prince George's County to pay the attorney for the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County specified legal fees for representing the Board in court; requiring the Board to establish the rate for those fees; and requiring that the salary of and specified additional compensation for the attorney for the Board be included in the annual budget.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0513 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER HO. CO. 12–07**

Providing for a student member on the Howard County Board of Education; specifying qualifications and the term of office for the student member; providing for the election of the student member by specified Howard County students and requiring that the process for the election be approved by the County Board; specifying rights and privileges of the student member; prohibiting the student member from voting on specified matters; specifying that the student member is not entitled to compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0515 Delegate Bromwell**HEALTH INSURANCE – CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARIES AND UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM**

Providing that specified carriers are exempt from providing specified information within a specified time frame to a provider under specified circumstances; exempting specified credentialing intermediaries from specified requirements regarding the uniform credentialing form; repealing a requirement that the Insurance Commissioner designate the uniform credentialing form through regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0572 Delegate Elliott, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with specified other State agencies, to study the issue of personal responsibility for obtaining health care coverage; requiring the study to include specified elements; requiring the Commission to report the results of its study, together with any recommendations, to specified legislative committees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0588 Delegate Hubbard**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION – NET TRACT AREA**

Altering the definition of “net tract area” for forest conservation requirements and forest mitigation bank credits to include specified forested areas of specified tracts of land partially within 100–year floodplains or wetlands under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0590 Delegate Bartlett, et al**STATE TAXES – SOLAR ENERGY GRANTS AND DEVICES**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified amounts received as a grant under a specified program; exempting from the State property tax real property that is a solar energy device installed to heat or cool a dwelling, generate electricity to be used in the dwelling, or provide hot water for use in the dwelling; and applying portions of the Act to specified tax years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0622 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS PG 428–07**

Authorizing Prince George’s County to use specified special taxing district and tax increment financing authority to provide financing, refinancing, or reimbursement for the costs of renovation, rehabilitation, and repair of existing buildings, building systems, and components for existing residential condominiums designated as workforce housing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0637 Prince George’s County Delegation**ELECTION LAW – COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION JUDGES – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PG 404–07**

Altering the compensation for chief election judges and election judges in Prince George’s County from \$200 to \$250 for chief election judges and from \$125 to \$200 for election judges; altering compensation for completion of election training sessions by election judges from \$25 to \$50; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0680 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SHERIFF AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES – ALTERATION OF DUTIES PG 310–07**

Altering the duties of the Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies of Prince George's County to include responding to domestic violence calls, acting as school resource deputies in county schools, and providing security for specified other events held in the county, sponsored by a public school, and open to the public; requiring that the duties be enumerated in a specified memorandum of understanding; altering the scope of criminal investigations the Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies may conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0683 Delegates Mathias and Conway**WORCESTER COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATORS – AUTHORITY**

Extending to a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator specified authority of the State Fire Marshal and full-time investigative and inspection assistants in that office to make warrantless arrests and exercise powers of arrest; authorizing a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator to exercise specified authority while operating outside Worcester County under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0689 Harford County Delegation**MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

Defining the term “emergency responder” for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and including in the defined term specified firefighters, emergency medical services providers, rescue squad members, county employees, and law enforcement officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0691 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY AND LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS MC/PG 104–07

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to establish a mandatory minority business utilization program by resolution or regulation for specified purposes under specified circumstances; requiring the regulations that establish the minority business utilization program to contain specified provisions; requiring the WSSC to examine specified certification programs to ensure that they adhere to specified guidelines before accepting the certification programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0692 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA MC/PG 105–07

Altering the eligibility criteria of the local small business enterprise program of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0745 Delegate Stein, et al

STATE-OWNED HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND HEATING EQUIPMENT – BIODIESEL FUEL REQUIREMENT

Requiring the State to ensure that at least 50% of the heating equipment using specified heating oil in State buildings and 50% of the heavy equipment owned by the State using diesel fuel use, subject to availability, a blend of fuel containing at least 5% biodiesel fuel; and exempting specified heating equipment and heavy equipment from this requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0762 Delegate Anderson, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSING AUTHORITY – CONTINUED
OCCUPANCY BY FAMILY MEMBER ON DEATH OF TENANT**

Altering the circumstances under which an individual who is the surviving spouse or other immediate family member of a deceased tenant of housing assisted under a program administered by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and who occupied the premises at the time of the tenant's death may be considered eligible to enter into a lease for continued occupancy; authorizing the Authority to initiate legal proceedings no earlier than a specified time to evict an occupant who does not satisfy specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0772 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – ZONING REGULATIONS –
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS HO. CO. 5-07**

Authorizing the Howard County Council to provide by ordinance for an administrative proceeding to enforce specified zoning violations; and providing that a specified ordinance may include authority to impose specified civil fines and penalties and create liens and assess costs for specified zoning violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0773 Delegate Lafferty, et al**TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE FOR GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT – MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE**

Altering the membership of the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; altering the requirements of the Task Force to address specified growth-related issues and to serve as an advisory board to the Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0800 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission may not act on any matter unless a specified number of voting members in attendance concur; providing that a decision of the Commission shall be by a majority of the quorum present and voting; making permanent a specified authorization to assess a specified administrative charge to fund specified services; raising the amount of total fees that may be assessed by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0844 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to include specified items in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to assess an administrative charge; authorizing the Commission to use money from user fees to pay administrative costs; increasing the total amount of user fees that the Commission may assess; requiring the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to submit a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0847 Delegate Bromwell**DISCOUNT MEDICAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS AND DISCOUNT DRUG PLAN ORGANIZATIONS – REGISTRATION AND REGULATION**

Providing for the regulation by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of specified discount medical plan organizations and discount drug plan organizations; requiring the registration of specified entities as discount medical plan organizations or discount drug plan organizations; providing for the application and renewal process for registration; authorizing the Commissioner to deny a registration or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a registration under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0868 Delegate Haynes, et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a specified bus or rail route alignment, or before establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; limiting the time period during which the Administration may implement a specified change; establishing specified notice requirements; requiring a public hearing to be at a specified location and time; requiring the People's Counsel to appear at public hearings called by the Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0881 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – CERTIFICATED AND NONCERTIFICATED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – SERVICE OR REPRESENTATION FEE HO. CO. 11-07**

Authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to negotiate with specified employee organizations a reasonable service fee to be charged to nonmember certificated employees for representing the employees in specified matters; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to negotiate with specified employee organizations a reasonable service fee to be charged to nonmember noncertificated employees for representing the employees in specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0908 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGE – INCREASED DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS PG 414-07**

Increasing to 25% the percentage of revenue from the public safety surcharge on construction located in a municipal corporation that is distributed to the municipal corporation's police department; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0915 Delegate Smigiel, et al**CECIL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$31,405,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0971 Delegate Jones, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – USE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

Requiring the University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide specified information to specified exclusive representatives under specified circumstances; requiring specified employers to give specified notice to specified employees at a specified time; authorizing specified employees to notify an employer that the employee does not want the employer to provide specified information to an exclusive representative; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0989 Delegate Harrison, et al**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – FINANCING LIMITATIONS**

Altering limitations on lending, guarantees, and equity participation financing by the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority in specified transactions; altering the maximum loan guarantee that the Authority may make using the Contract Financing Fund; altering the maximum loan guarantee that the Authority may make using the Guaranty Fund; altering the scope of contracts for which the Authority may act as a surety or guarantee under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; requiring specified reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1004 Delegate Donoghue, et al**MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Authorizing funds remaining from the Senior Prescription Drug Program that have accrued to the account of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund to be transferred and appropriated to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for fiscal year 2008 for the purpose of providing a grant up to \$425,000 to the Maryland Medbank Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1017 Delegate Walker, et al**BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PARENT–TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Parent–Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that each public high school in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County is eligible for a dollar–for–dollar match for private funds raised by the school’s parent–teacher association up to a specified amount; providing for Program funds; defining a specified term; requiring specified persons to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1033 Delegate Taylor, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES – COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement for a covered prescription drug or device that exceeds the retail price of the prescription drug or device; and making specified provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1057 Delegate Mizeur, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – FAMILY COVERAGE EXPANSION ACT**

Requiring insurance policies or contracts to provide that the same health insurance benefits and eligibility guidelines that apply to covered dependents are available, at the request of specified persons, to specified domestic partners and child dependents of domestic partners of the insured; authorizing insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to require specified proof; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1143 Delegate Barve**INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING – NONRESIDENT CONTRACTORS**

Repealing a requirement for withholding of 3% of the contract price under specified contracts with nonresident contractors, as defined, pending tax compliance verification; applying the Act to contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1199 Delegate Hixson, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Authorizing the General Assembly to consider expanding the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1203 Delegate Anderson, et al**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – REINSTATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION AFTER WRONGFUL TERMINATION**

Authorizing the Correctional Training Commission to revoke the certification of a correctional officer in conjunction with specified disciplinary action; and authorizing the Office of Administrative Hearings to reinstate the certification of a correctional officer with no further examination or condition if the Office of Administrative Hearings rescinds or modifies a specified disciplinary action against the correctional officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1242 Delegate Weldon**OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Providing for a process for handling a complaint filed with the State Open Meetings Compliance Board when the public body that is the subject of the complaint no longer exists; altering the manner in which specified notice of a specified meeting may be given; and altering a definition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1309 Delegate Jones, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES**

Clarifying the definition of a foster care recipient; providing that specified foster youth placed by the Department of Human Resources in out-of-home placements other than foster care homes may be eligible for waiver of tuition and fees at specified institutions of higher education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1310 Delegates Conway and Elmore**CRIMINAL LAW – SLOT MACHINES – ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**

Altering the definition of “eligible organization” to make it applicable to specified organizations with a specified affiliation and located in specified counties for at least 50 years before the organization applies for a license to own or operate slot machines; and generally relating to slot machine ownership and operation by eligible organizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1313 Delegate Hubbard, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – INFORMATION FROM AND LIABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS**

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide specified information in a specified manner to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or are Program recipients; requiring specified health insurance carriers to accept the Program’s right of recovery and the assignment of specified rights under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1317 Delegate Anderson, et al**MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES – BURGLARY AND DAYTIME HOUSEBREAKING – RETROACTIVE EFFECT**

Allowing a person who is serving a mandatory minimum sentence of confinement imposed under former Article 27, § 643B of the Code before October 1, 1994, where burglary or daytime housebreaking was a predicate offense for the imposition of the mandatory minimum sentence, to apply for and receive a review of the mandatory minimum sentence; authorizing a review panel to strike the restriction against parole, but not reduce the length of the sentence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1325 Delegate Conway, et al**JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the establishment of a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in Harford County and Prince George's County; making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs in specified counties applicable to Harford County and Prince George's County; authorizing the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to accept a gift or grant for specified purposes under specified circumstances; authorizing the juvenile court to condition marking a specified criminal charge stet on participation of the defendant in a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1326 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUPERVISING APPRAISERS**

Altering the definition of the term “supervising appraiser” so that it means a certified residential real estate appraiser or a certified general real estate appraiser who has specified responsibilities; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

HB1331 Delegate Cane, et al**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – REMOVAL OF DISTRICTS**

Altering the requirements relating to the purchase of easements by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; removing the requirement for the establishment of agricultural districts on a specified date; eliminating districts from the Foundation by a specified date subject to specified exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1409 Delegate Davis, et al**INSURANCE – FRAUD – INTENTIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENTS, CREATION OF DOCUMENTATION OF MOTOR
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, AND REPORTS**

Providing that it is a fraudulent insurance act, with the purpose of submitting a specified claim, for a person to organize, plan, or knowingly participate in an intentional motor vehicle accident or a scheme to create documentation of a motor vehicle accident that did not occur; providing that for a specified time following the date a specified report is filed with a law enforcement agency, only specified persons may access the report, with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007